

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-64 are pending in the application. Claims 1-64 are subject to an election of species requirement.

Applicants request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks and the following election of species.

II. Election of Species Requirement

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed species from:

- (A) the species to a bale of elastomer composite; and
- (B) the species to a container occupied by elastomer composite pieces.

Applicants hereby elect Species A.

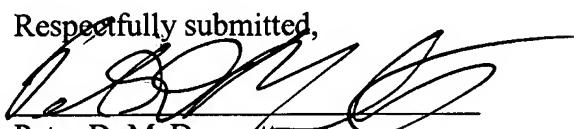
Claims 1-33 read on the elected species.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and election of species, Applicants request reexamination of the claims.

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